OPERATING AUTHORITY & PURPOSE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 59.17 and 59.51(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the County Board may represent the County and have the management of the business and concerns of the County in all cases where no other provision is made.

BUDGET SUMMARY			
	2004 Actual	2005 Budget	2006 Budget
Milwaukee County Funds for the Arts	$ 371,250	$ 352,688	$ 352,688

MISSION

The Milwaukee County Fund for the Arts, through the Milwaukee County Cultural Artistic and Musical Programming Advisory Council (CAMPAC), allocates County property tax dollars to support and encourage cultural and artistic activities which have an important impact on the economic well-being and quality of life of the community.

On October 2, 1986, the County Board adopted resolutions (File Nos. 84-466 and 86-463) which specified that a non-departmental account be established for cultural programming to be administered by the County Board, with certain guidelines and criteria for awarding County arts funds. In addition, CAMPAC was created to advise the County Board, through the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Culture, with regard to the cultural, artistic and musical programming and endowment/grant components of County arts funding.

On November 9, 1989, the County Board adopted a resolution (File No. 88-631(a)(a)) that authorized and directed the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture to have administrative authority and responsibility for all County cultural programs previously administered by the County Board. To effectuate this authority, the appropriation for County arts funding was transferred from the non-departmental account, Milwaukee County Fund for the Arts (Org. Unit 1974), to the Parks Department (Org. Unit 9000) operating budget.

The 1991 adopted budget re-established a non-departmental appropriation for County arts funding (Org. 1974). The administrative authority, appropriation request and responsibility for County cultural programs, however, remained with the Parks Department.

On January 17, 1991, the County Board adopted a resolution (File No. 91-18(a)(a)) that authorized and awarded matching grants funds, rental subsidies and Artistic Development Program allocations to eligible organizations and individuals. The Board also authorized the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture to prepare contractual agreements with specific agencies for community cultural events and to enter into an agreement with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to administer Milwaukee County's performing and visual arts fund. Allocations of the cultural arts funds are recommended by CAMPAC.

In 2004, the adopted tax levy funding to CAMPAC was $371,250. An additional one-time grant of $25,000 was provided to CAMPAC that had been held at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. In 2005, the adopted tax levy funding was $352,688. An additional one-time allocation was given to CAMPAC from Parks from previously unspent Concerts in the Parks programming money.

CAMPAC funding is allocated among three program areas: Community Cultural Events, Matching Grants, and Administration.

I. Community Cultural Events

Under this program, Milwaukee County, through its administrative agent, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, contracts with community organizations that provide cultural, artistic and musical performances at a low or no fee, with priority given to those groups using County facilities.

Requests for Proposals are issued on an annual basis that determines the number and type of performances that receive grants.

Allocations in the Community Cultural Events area gives preference to minority organizations, and funds the Milwaukee County High School Theater Festival and programming in the Parks.

Community Cultural Events Program		
Agency	2004 Actual	2005 Actual
Latino Arts, Inc. (Friends of the Hispanic Community)	$ 5,265	$ 5,069
City Ballet	4,915	4,731
Ko-Thi Dance Company	4,915	4,732
Milwaukee Public Theater	3,860	3,716
Walker's Point Center	3,510	3,379
Milwaukee High School Theater Festival	5,000	4,000
Parks Programming*	25,000	25,000
TOTAL	$ 52,465	$ 50,627

* The 2004 and 2005 allocations were for programming at Washington and Humboldt Parks.

II. Matching Grants

Under this program, grants are awarded with the objective of promoting new and existing arts organizations. These grants are designed to help arts groups meet their operational and programming expenses.

This grant program provides a direct subsidy to professional performing arts organizations that meet established criteria.

Matching Grants Program

Expenditures	2004 Grants	2005 Grants
Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra	$ 68,222	$ 57,545
Milwaukee Repertory Theater	37,252	35,781
Milwaukee Ballet	21,719	21,041
Florentine Opera Company	16,353	16,107
Skylight Opera Theater	14,784	14,219
First Stage Milwaukee	14,535	14,727
Ko-Thi Dance Company	8,946	7,394
Milwaukee Chamber Theatre	8,518	8,118
Milwaukee Youth Symphony	7,567	8,025
Next Act Theater	7,481	7,071
Milwaukee Public Theatre	6,966	5,611
Latino Arts (Friends of Hispanic Community)	6,920	6,729
Danceworks	6,822	6,606
Present Music	6,650	5,915
Bel Canto Chorus	6,525	0
Woodland Pattern	6,334	6,200
Modjeska Youth Theatre Company	5,373	6,249
Milwaukee Children's Choir	5,302	5,287
Walker's Point Theater for the Arts	5,143	5,099
Renaissance Theatreworks	4,982	4,560
Theater X	4,902	0
City Ballet	4,463	3,964
Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra	4,378	0
Boulevard Ensemble	4,288	4,004
African American Children's Theatre	4,215	4,539
Wild Space Dance Company	4,071	3,976
Dance-Sing	3,649	0
In Tandem Theatre	3,454	4,229
Foothold	3,359	0
Civic Music Association	3,301	3,117
Milwaukee Dance Theatre	3,221	2,867
Concord Chamber Orchestra	2,508	1,059
Milwaukee Coral Artists	845	940
Musical Offering, Ltd.	737	0
Dancecircus	0	3,434
Early Music Now	0	4,018
Master Singers of Milwaukee	0	1,879
Milwaukee Shakespeare Co	0	8,062
TOTAL	$ 313,785	$ 288,372

III. Administrative Services

The County Board of Supervisors has entered into an agreement with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to administer Milwaukee County's performing and visual arts fund under guidelines approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

Expenditures	2004 Actual	2005 Allocated
Greater Milwaukee Foundation	$ 30,000	$ 25,690

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Funding for CAMPAC remains at the 2005 tax levy level of $352,688. In 2005, an additional $12,000 was provided from previously unspent Concerts in the Parks programming funds. This additional amount is unavailable in 2006.

- Of the total funding in 2005, $21,627 was allocated in the Community Cultural Events area to minority arts organizations and programs offered to underserved populations. A total of $25,690 was allocated for administrative costs to Greater Milwaukee Foundation.